

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 31, 2008 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 have been objected to and Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9 have been allowed. The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Prosecution is closed and entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in better condition for allowance.

Informal Objections to Description and Claims

Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 have been objected to for various informal errors. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7. Applicant would like to point out with regard to the objection to “the elastic impact members” in line 12 of Claim 1, Applicant did not amend this limitation as proper antecedent basis is established in line 11 of Claim 1 “a plurality of elastic members are mounted . . .” Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Within the Office Action, several paragraphs have been objected to for various informal errors. Applicant has amended these paragraphs as recommended in the Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The Figures 7 and 8 of the present application have been objected to in the Office Action under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Applicant has amended Figures 7 and 8 to remove item 200 (Figure 7) and item 10-2 (Figure 8). Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Abstract

Within the Office Action, the Abstract has been objected to. Applicant has deleted the current Abstract and has provided a new Abstract which conforms with the MPEP guidelines. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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Annotated Drawing Showing Changes

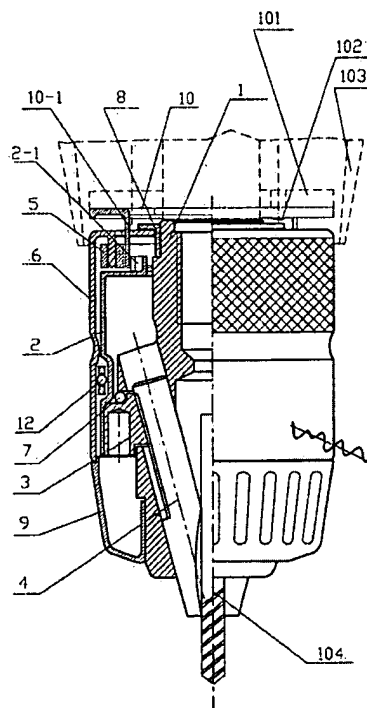


Fig. 7

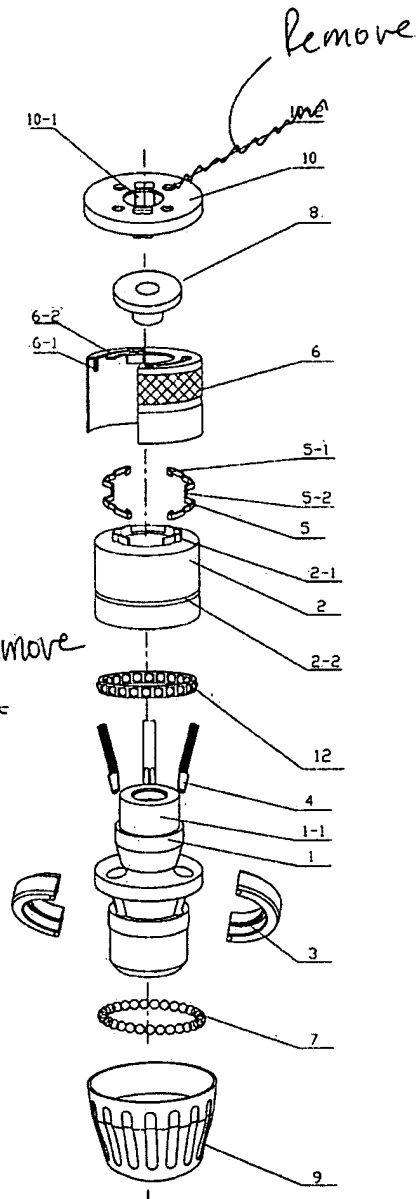


Fig. 8